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AFTER SURVIVING A MIRACULOUS FALL AFTER JUMPING THROUGH A PORTAL TO AN UNKNOWN LAND, MAXWELL, CATRINA AND KATHERINE WERE SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THEIR GROUP. NOW THEY JOURNEY THROUGH A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS FOREST IN SEARCH OF THEIR TEAMMATES, IN HOPES OF RESCUING PHENIX FROM THE TALONS OF XENIF.

## FORBIDDEN LOVE PART 3

CREDITS: PENCILS AND STORY:  
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MAX, ARE YOU SURE  
YOU'RE OKAY? WE  
COULD STOP TO REST  
FOR A LITTLE BIT.  
WE **HAVE** BEEN  
WALKING FOR  
HOURS.

I'M FINE CATRINA. WE HAVE  
TO KEEP MOVING IF WE'RE GOING  
TO FIND THE OTHERS. JUDGING  
BY THE DIRECTION THEY  
WERE FALLING, THEY  
SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE  
OVER IN THIS DIRECTION.

AND THE SOONER  
WE GET OUT OF  
HERE THE BETTER. THIS  
PLACE GIVES ME THE  
CREEPS.







CORRECT MAMMALSSS.  
YOU THREE ARE TRESSPASSERSSS  
IN THE GARDEN.

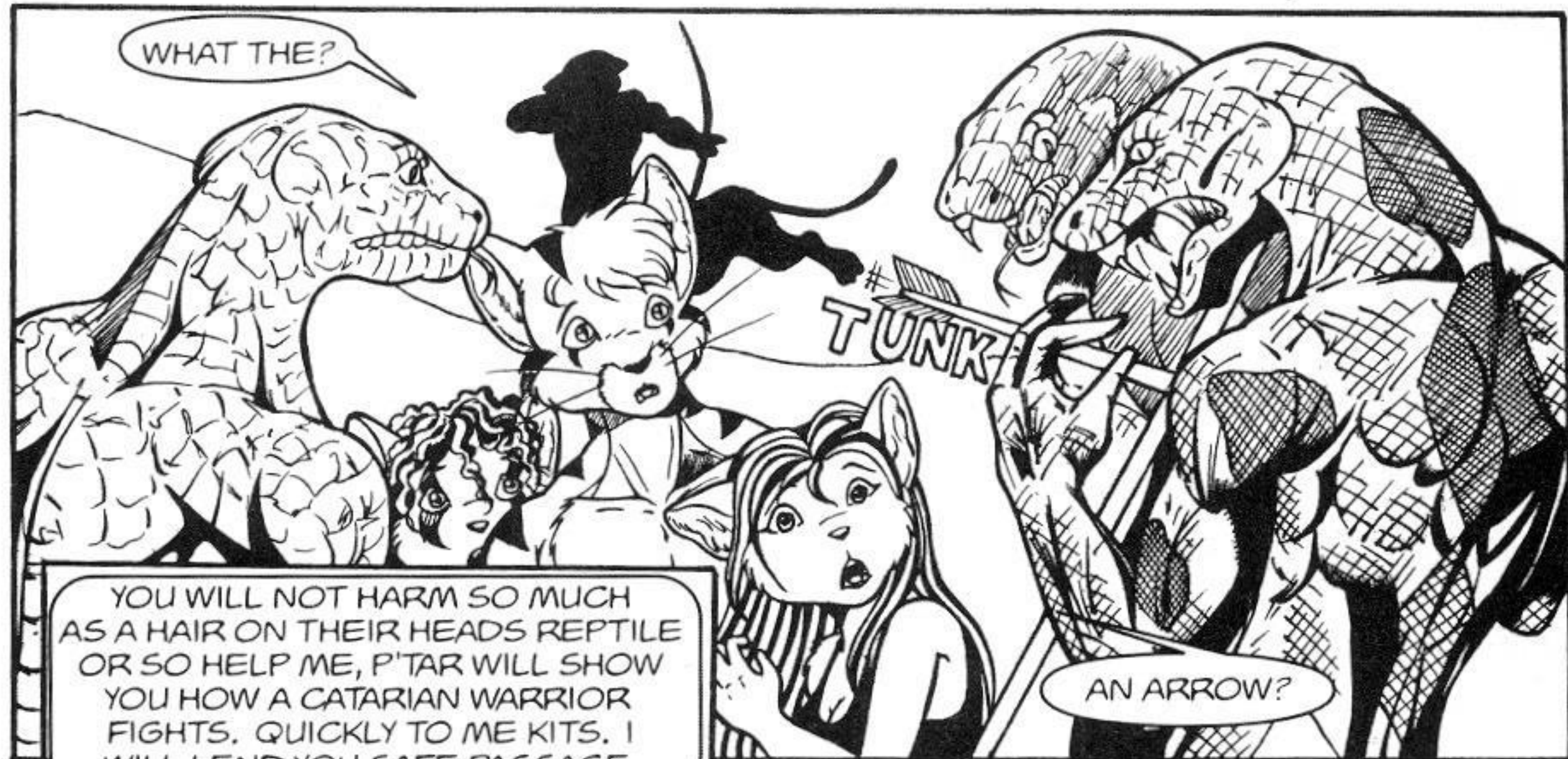
LORD XENIF HASSS  
ORDERED ALL TRESSSPASSERSSS  
TO BE EXTERMINATED.

PREPARE TO  
DIE!

SNAKES!

THEY'RE COMING  
FROM EVERYWHERE!





YOU WILL NOT HARM SO MUCH AS A HAIR ON THEIR HEADS REPTILE OR SO HELP ME, P'TAR WILL SHOW YOU HOW A CATARIAN WARRIOR FIGHTS. QUICKLY TO ME KITS. I WILL LEND YOU SAFE PASSAGE.



QUICKLY, ONTO MY BACK. WE MUST RETREAT.

CAN YOU HELP US FIND THE OTHERS WHO FELL FROM THE SKY? WE NEED THEM TO RESCUE OUR FRIEND PHENIX, WHO XENIF HAS KIDNAPPED.

YES, THEY FELL BEYOND THESE HILLS.

I WILL DO ANYTHING TO AID YOU.

SINCE HIS ARRIVAL TO THIS LAND, XENIF HAS SHIFTED THE BALANCE OF POWER HERE.

THE SERPANTS AND EVEN WORSE-

-HAVE GAINED MORE CONTROL OF THE LAND AND HE HAS DISRUPTED THE HARMONY THAT THE

GARDEN ONCE KNEW FOR MILLENIA. HE MUST BE STOPPED.

I SAW YOUR DESCENT FROM THE GLOWING DISK IN THE SKY. XENIF CREATED. I SURMISED THAT YOU MUST BE AN ENEMY OF HIS WHEN MAELSTROM ATTACKED THE FLYING KITSUNE AND ANY ENEMY OF THE DARK ONE IS AN ALLY OF MINE. I FOLLOWED YOU FROM A DISTANCE FOR HOURS UNTIL I SPOTTED THE SERPENT'S SCENT. I WAITED FOR THEM TO REVEAL THEMSELVES BEFORE ACTING.

RRRAARRRRGH!

WELL I HOPE THE OTHERS HAVEN'T RUN INTO ANY OF THOSE GUYS.

WE DON'T HAVE  
TIME FOR THIS!

WE HAVE TO FINISH  
THIS QUICKLY AND FIND  
COPYCAT, ALLEYCAT  
AND VAGUE!

EASIER SAID,  
THEN DONE!

WE'LL HAVE TO  
WORK TOGETHER  
THEN.

I-  
UMPH!  
GOT MINE!  
ON THREE?

ONE...

TWO...

THREE!

ROOOOWL!!



I'VE NEVER SEEN FELINS LIKE THESE BEFORE. CAN YOU READ THEIR MINDS, CEECEE?

IT'S HARD, BUT I'M GETTING SOMETHING. THEY'RE CALLED DISPLACERS.

THEY WERE SENT BY XENIF TO PROTECT THIS PLACE FROM INTRUDERS.

BUT WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

THEY CALL IT THE GARDEN.

OF EDEN? IMPOSSIBLE.

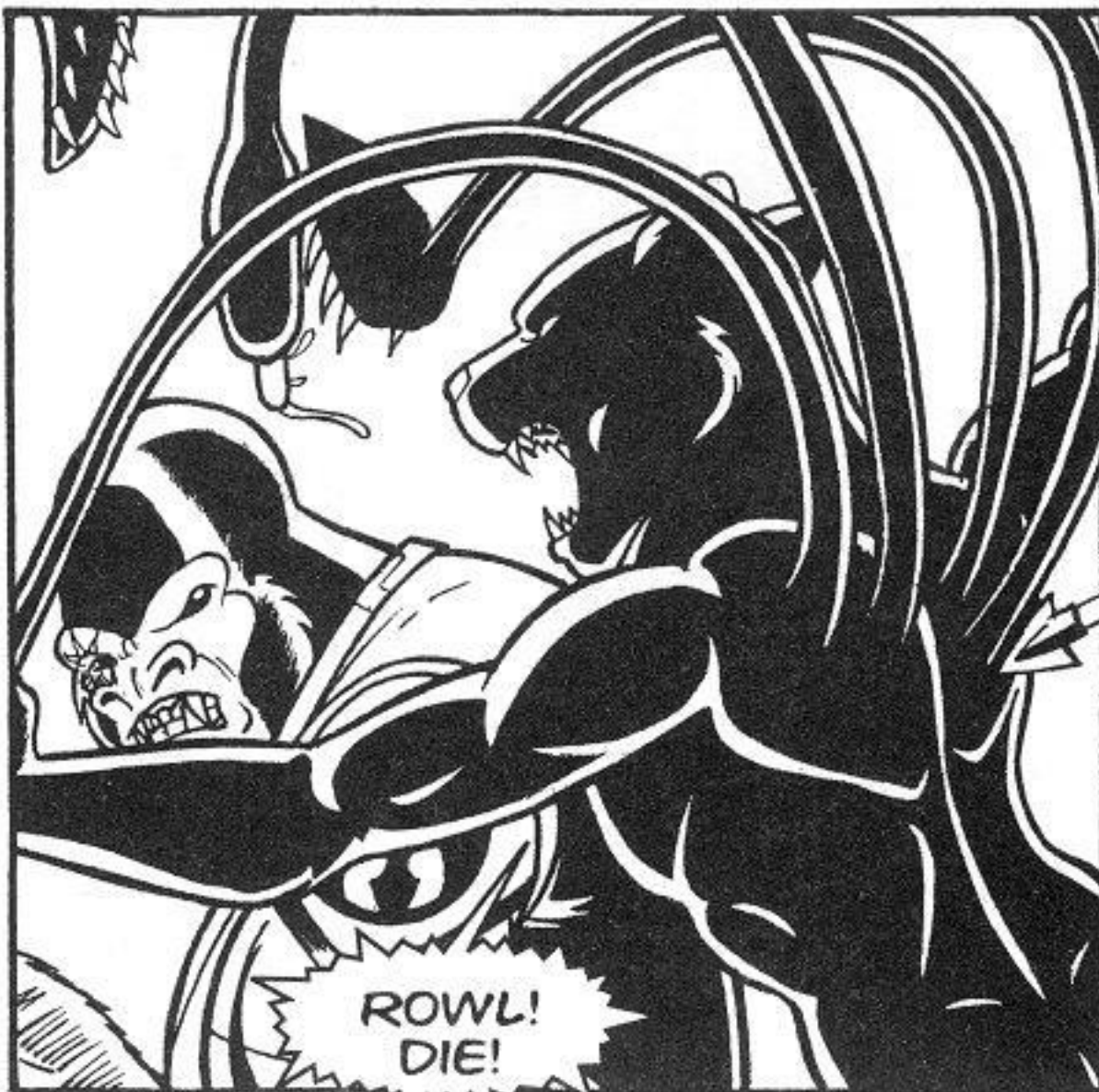
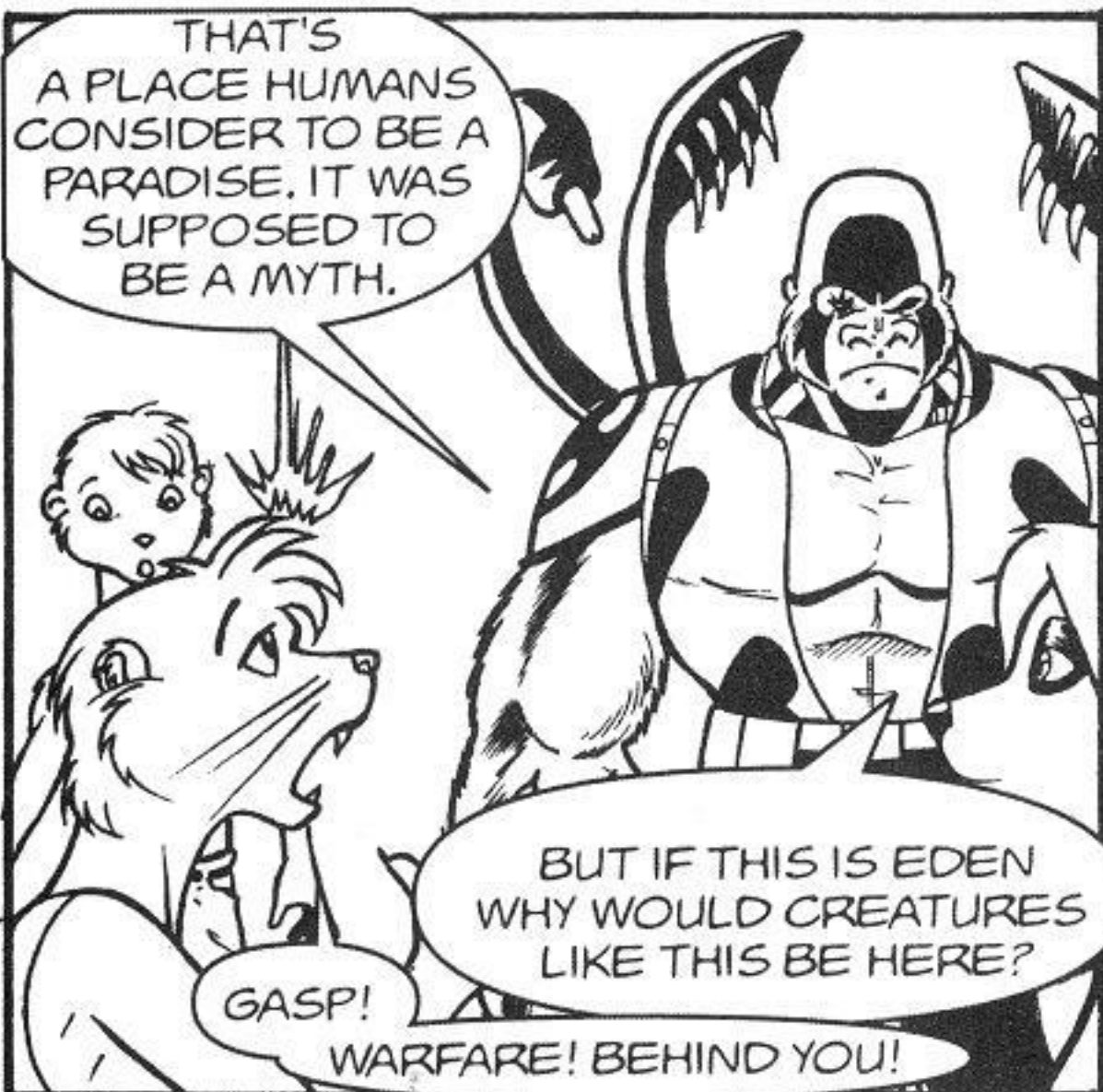


THAT'S A PLACE HUMANS CONSIDER TO BE A PARADISE. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A MYTH.

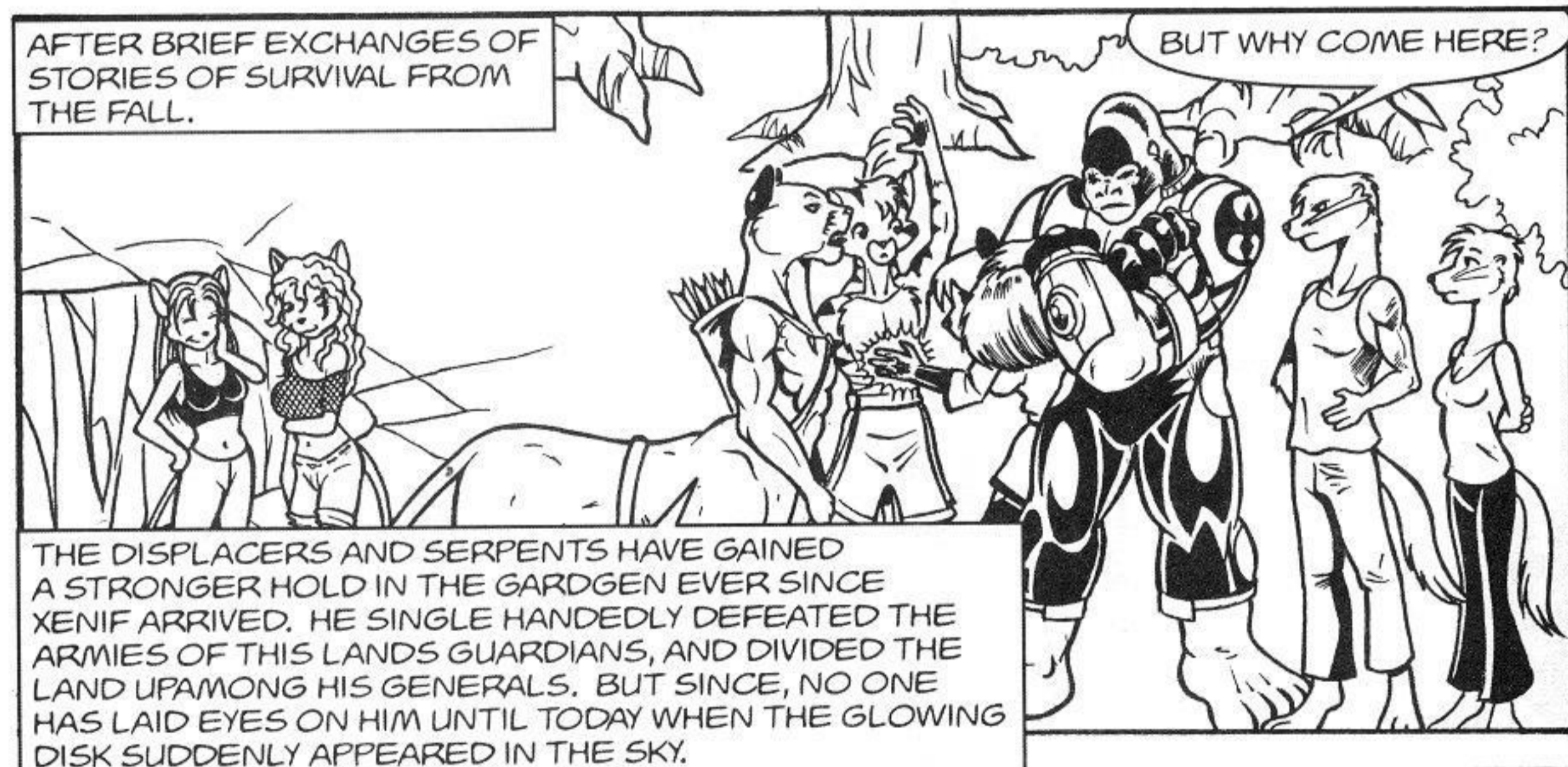
BUT IF THIS IS EDEN WHY WOULD CREATURES LIKE THIS BE HERE?

GASP!

WARFARE! BEHIND YOU!

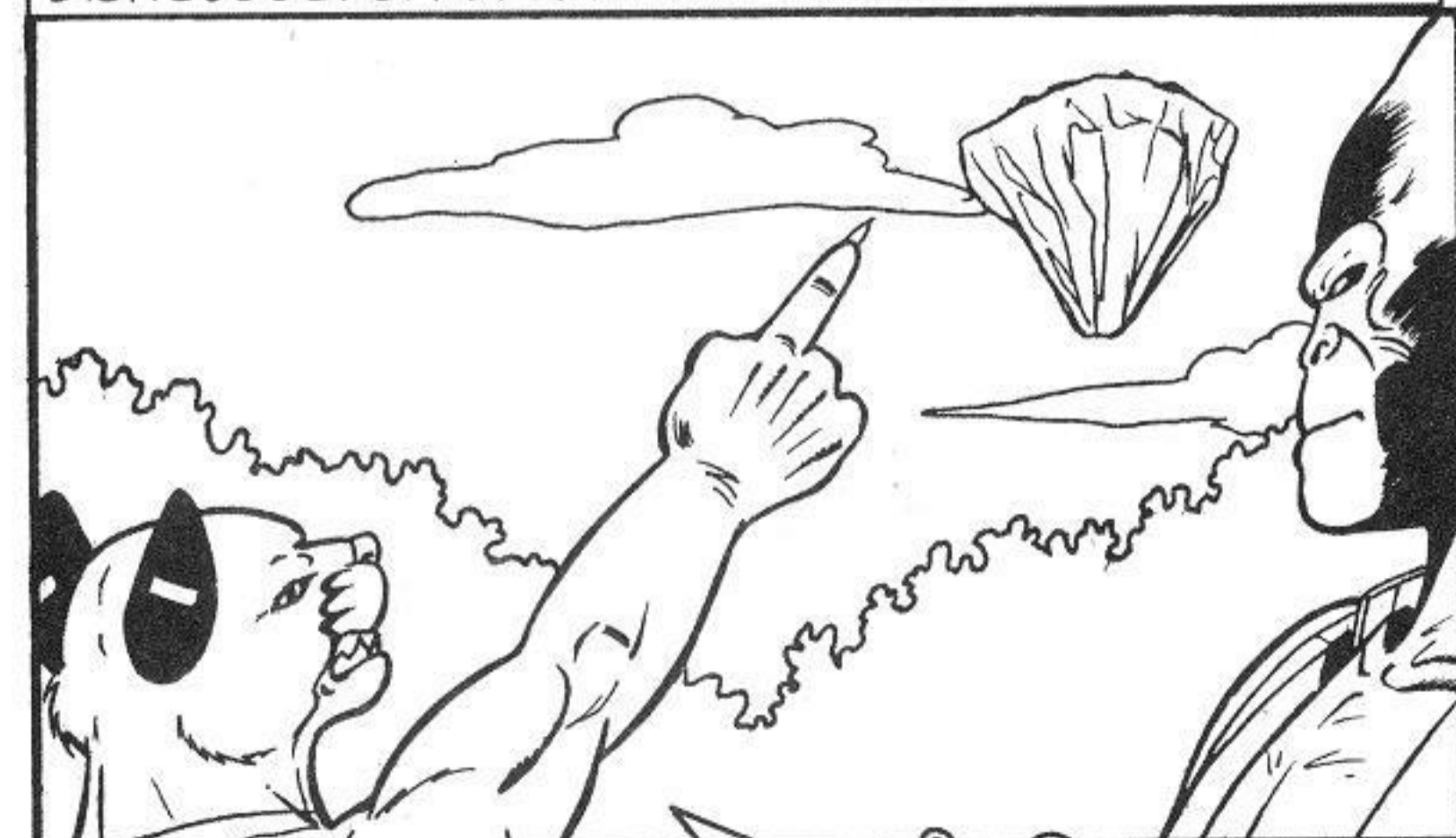


ROWL!  
DIE!



AFTER BRIEF EXCHANGES OF STORIES OF SURVIVAL FROM THE FALL.

THE DISPLACERS AND SERPENTS HAVE GAINED A STRONGER HOLD IN THE GARDEN EVER SINCE XENIF ARRIVED. HE SINGLE HANDEDLY DEFEATED THE ARMIES OF THIS LANDS GUARDIANS, AND DIVIDED THE LAND UPAMONG HIS GENERALS. BUT SINCE, NO ONE HAS LAID EYES ON HIM UNTIL TODAY WHEN THE GLOWING DISK SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THE SKY.



THE GARDEN IS A PARADISE, WHO'S INHABITANTS LIVED PEACEFULLY TOGETHER FOR MILLENA. IT WAS LEFT UNDER HTE PROTECTION OF THE UNICORN KING ALICORE BUT WITH HIS BROTHER MAELSTROM'S HELP, XENIF DEFEATED HIM AND TOOK HIS FLOATING ISLAND PALACE.



SO WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND PHENIX, AND UMNUS IS PROBABLY ALREADY THERE, BUT WHERE'S SCARLET?

GROAN...

WHA!?!  
WHERE AM  
I?!

WOW, THAT WAS A FAST  
RECOVERY. NORMALLY IT TAKES  
AT LEAST THREE DAYS FOR A  
SKYWINDERS'S VENOM TO WEAR  
OFF.

IT PARALYZES ON CONTACT WITH  
THE SKIN BY ENTERING THE PORES  
YOU KNOW. MAKES IT EASIER FOR  
THEM TO EAT THEIR PREY. BUT YOU, YOU  
RECOVERED IN ONLY A COUPLE OF  
HOURS.

YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY LUCAS SAVED  
YOU WHEN HE DID AND BROUGHT YOU  
BACK TO OUR VILLAGE.

HEAD  
SPINNING?

OH GOOD!  
YOU'RE  
AWAKE!



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT. WHAT ARE YOU AND WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES?



OH SORRY. GUESS OUTSIDERS AREN'T USED TO SEEING US IN OUR PRIMARY FORMS.



AND MY CLOTHES?

MY NAME IS KRYSTIN AND I'M A SHIFTER. YOU'RE IN THE VILLAGE OF THE WARWOLVES.



OH, THOSE. I HAD TO TAKE THEM OFF AND WASH OUT THE VENOM. DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T LET MY BROTHER SEE, THOUGH HE TRIED.



YICK, THANKS.

YOU STILL LOOK A LITTLE SHAKEY, SO DRINK THAT MEDICINE NEXT TO YOU. IT'LL HELP GET THE VENOM OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM.



HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THAT YELLING OUTSIDE?

OH, THAT'S JUST MY BIG BROTHERS LUCAS AND JERAN.

PROBABLY FIGHTING OVER YOUR BEING HERE.



YEAH, OVER ME? WHY?

WELL KITSUNES AND WARWOLVES HAVEN'T ALWAYS GOTTEN ALONG AROUND HERE. AREN'T THEY JUST SO MACHO. MALES.



IS THIS THE KIND OF WOLF WE WANT LEADING OUR PACK? HE BROUGHT A FEMALE OF VERY RACE THAT HAS TAKEN OUR FATHER AND MOTHER, THE TRUE ALPHAS, CAPTIVE AND NOW BEDS WITH THE TAIL RAISER!

I TOLD YOU ALL THAT HE WAS TOO YOUNG AND I SHOULD BE THE SUCCESSOR TO OUR FATHER!

PROOF OF THE KITSUNES' INVOLVEMENT IN MOTHER AND FATHERS ABDUCTION HAS YET TO BE PROVEN.

AH, PERHAPS THE VIXEN IS IN HEAT AND CLOUDS HIS JUDGEMENT. MORE PROOF THAT I SHOULD LEAD.

IF THAT'S A CHALLENGE, BROTHER, TO MY ALPHASHIP THEN DON'T COWER LIKE A PUP.

COME OUT AND SAY IT.

AND I WAS APPOINTED ALPHA BY THE PACK JERAN. AND THE FEMALE IS MY GUEST.

I'LL DO MORE THEN SAY IT, 'LITTLE BROTHER'.

I'LL RIP THE TITLE AND ALL ITS RIGHTS FROM YOUR HIDE LIKE I SHOULD HAVE DONE FROM THE START!

GROWL!!

YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO TRY!





PAP!

-BITCH!

KILL HER!

RIP HER TO SHREDS!



DID YOU SEE?

UH. HEH...

OH I'M IN TROUBLE NOW.

SHE STRUCK JERAN, A BETA.

GET HER! KILL HER!

TAIL WAGGING WENCH, HOW DARE SHE!

GRRRRR!

SNARL!

MOMMA ALWAYS DID TELL ME TO CONTROL MY TEMPER.



HEY!

MAKE HER PAY!



GET OFF ME!

ENOUGH!

RELEASE HER!

OMEGA FORM!



IF YOU WANT HER, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME! AND YOU KNOW THAT ONLY THE ALPHA CAN TAKE ON THE OMEGA FORM WHICH GRANTS ME TEN TIMES THE STRENGTH OF ANY SINGLE WOLF!



YOU WIN THIS TIME, LUCUS. BUT REST ASSURED, I WILL HAVE THE ALPHASHIP! I'VE OUTLASTED FATHER AND I WILL OUTLAST YOU!



DAMN HIM!

JERAN'S UP TO SOMETHING!  
I'M MORE CERTAIN THEN EVER HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH OUR PARENTS DISSAPPEARANCE!

I'LL BE BACK GUYS HAVE TO GET MORE BEADS. BE GOOD.

JER'S A TRICKY ONE.

YUP.

YEAH, THE GUY'S A SNAKE. THANKS FOR BRAIDING MY HAIR KRYSTIN.





AHEM.  
UH, I HOPE YOU  
DIDN'T TAKE MY  
BROTHER'S  
WORDS TO  
HEART...  
UH...

SCARLET.



AND YOU ARE UNHARMED,  
SCARLET?

YEAH, HEH, IT'D TAKE  
MORE THAN HIM TO  
HURT ME.

I'M PRETTY  
DURABLE.



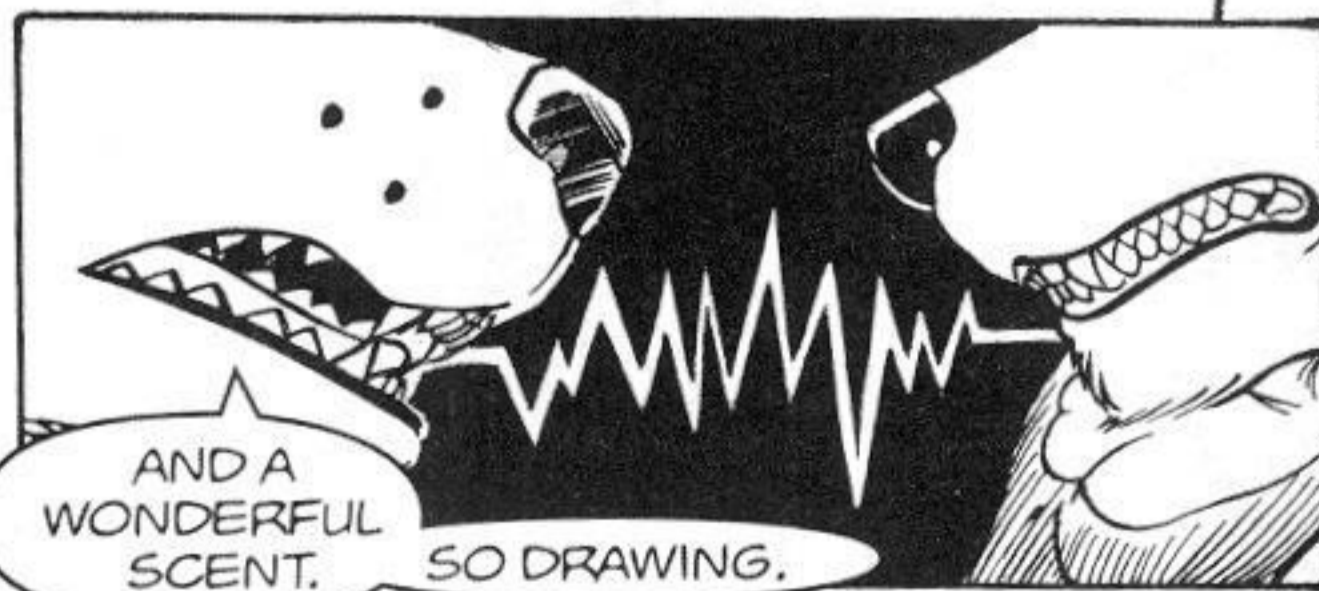
"I SEE, BUT YOU HAVE A CUT.  
IT MAY GET INFECTED IF  
NOT CLEANED."

UMM...



YOU ARE  
BEAUTIFUL.  
SUCH SMOOTH  
FUR...

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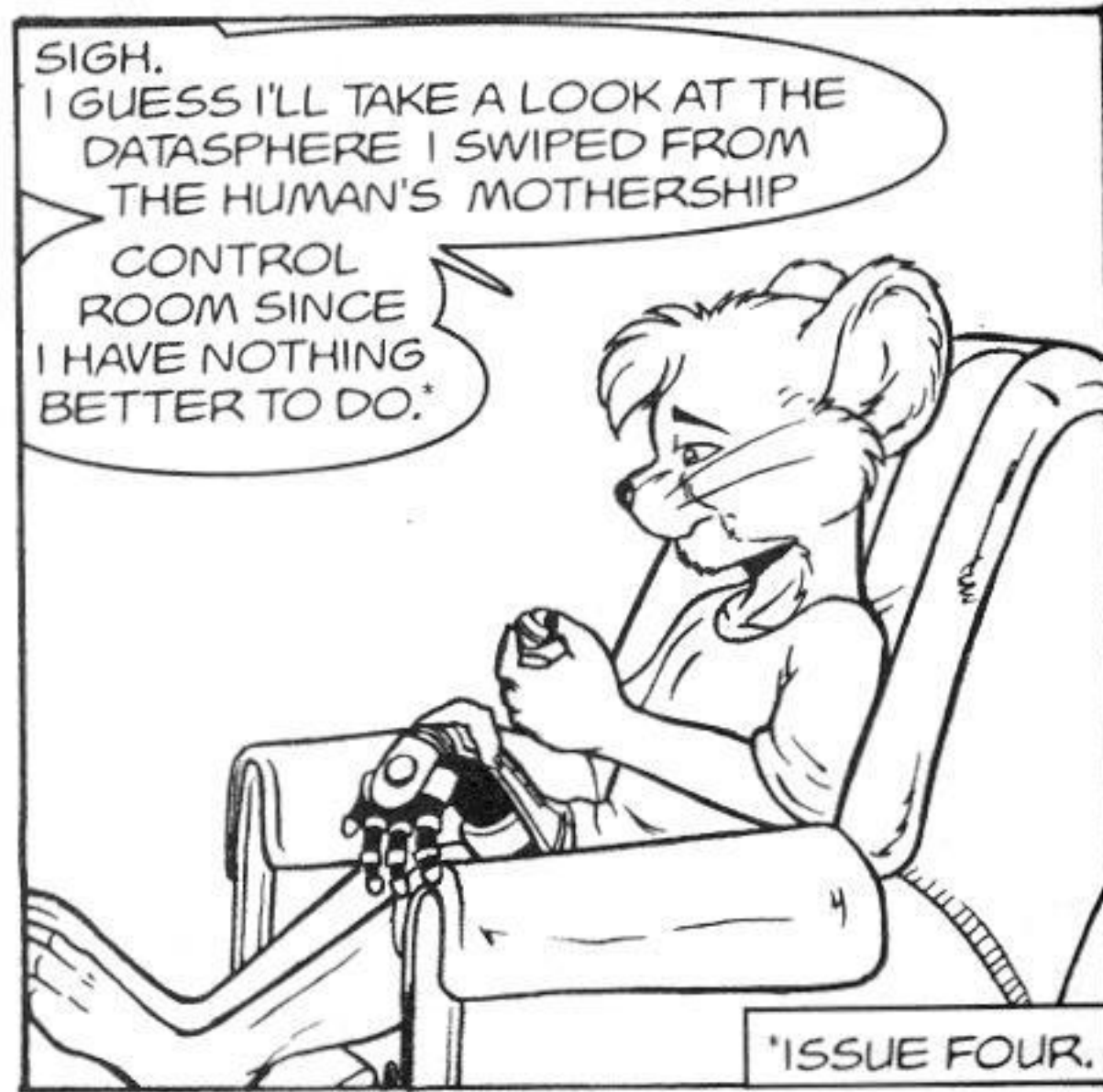


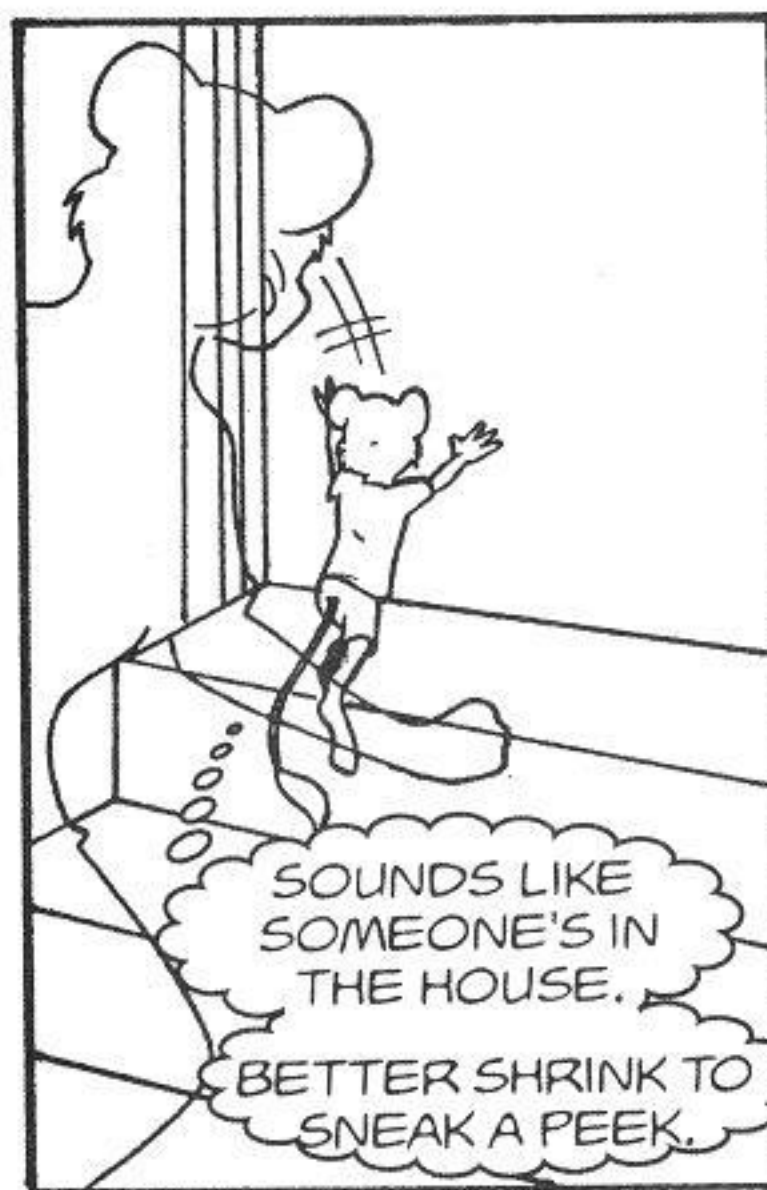
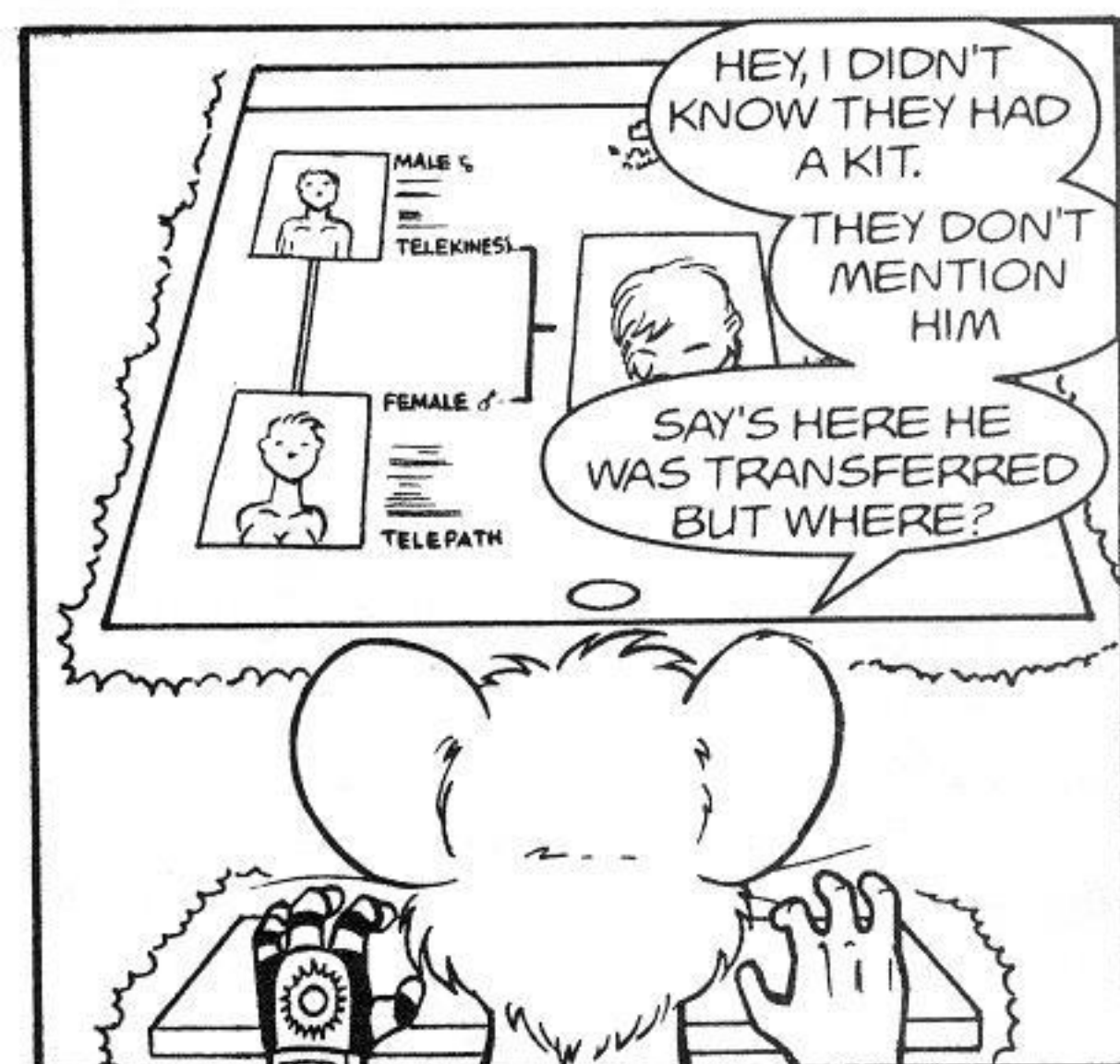
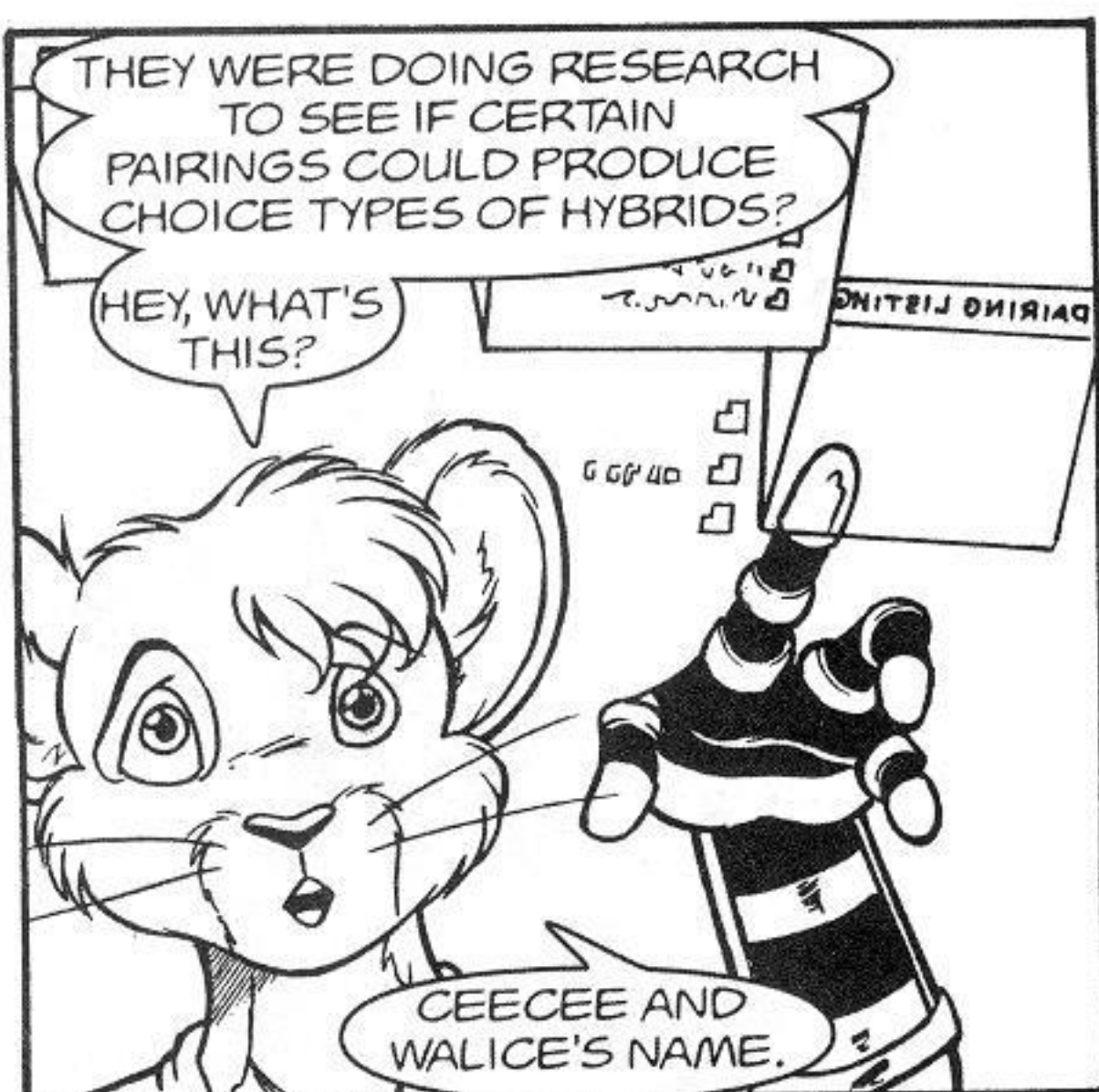
AND A  
WONDERFUL  
SCENT.

SO DRAWING.



MMMMMM.





MORNING:

IDIOTS! IMBECILES!

I ASK FOR YOU  
ALL TO DO ONE SIMPLE  
TASK AND YOU ALL  
FAIL.  
I GIVE YOU LAND TO  
RULE, I TAKE CARE OF YOUR  
UNDERHANDED MATTERS  
AND ALL I ASK OF YOU  
IS TO PROTECT THIS  
REALM-

-FROM INTRUDERS AND  
YOU FAIL MISERABLY!



THE DISPLACERS NEVER ASKED  
ANYTHING FROM YOU, AVIAN!  
WE MANAGED WELL ENOUGH  
BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL HERE!

WE DON'T  
NEED YOUR  
FAVORS!

IS THAT  
SO?

THEN ALLOW ME TO TAKE  
BACK MY FAVOR OF ALLOWING  
YOU TO LIVE!

SOLAR  
STRIKE!



AAIEEE!

LORD XENIF, LADY  
PHENIX WILL BE READY  
SHORTLY.



REMEMBER THIS, ALL OF  
YOU. YOU'RE CONTINUED  
EXISTENCE IS PURELY  
DUE TO MY CONTINUED  
GRACE.

FAIL ME AGAIN AND  
YOU WILL MEET THAT  
FOOLS FATE.

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME  
MY LOVE AWAITS.



HE IS A MONSTER!  
THANK YOU SHAMUS FOR  
BRINGING ME HERE.

I'M NOT YET STRONG  
ENOUGH TO MAKE A JUMP  
MYSELF.

NO, THANK YOU UMNUS FOR  
LASTNIGHT. THOUGH I FEAR THE  
OTHERS WILL BE UPSET THAT  
I HAVE YOU OUT SO EARLY.

LOOK, THEY'RE  
ARGUING.



LET'S LISTEN TO  
WHAT ABOUT.

THE AVIAN BECOMES TOO  
UNPREDICTABLE NOW THAT  
HE HAS ACQUIRED A FEMALE.  
OUR MAINIPULATIONS  
OF HIM ARE NOW IN  
JEOPARDY, THUS I HAVE  
FOUND A FINAL SOLUTION  
TO DEAL WITH HIM.

BEHOLD.

A STARBLADE ENCRUSTED WITH THE  
SUNSTONE OF A PHOENIX. IT WAS  
ONCE USED BY MY FATHER, ALICORE,  
TO DEFEAT A ROGUE PHOENIX.



HE  
MEANS TO  
KILL THEM.  
TO KILL HER!



THE STONE ALLOWS THE USER TO  
TRANSFORM THE BLADE INTO ANY TYPE  
OF WEAPON THE WIELDER DESIRES



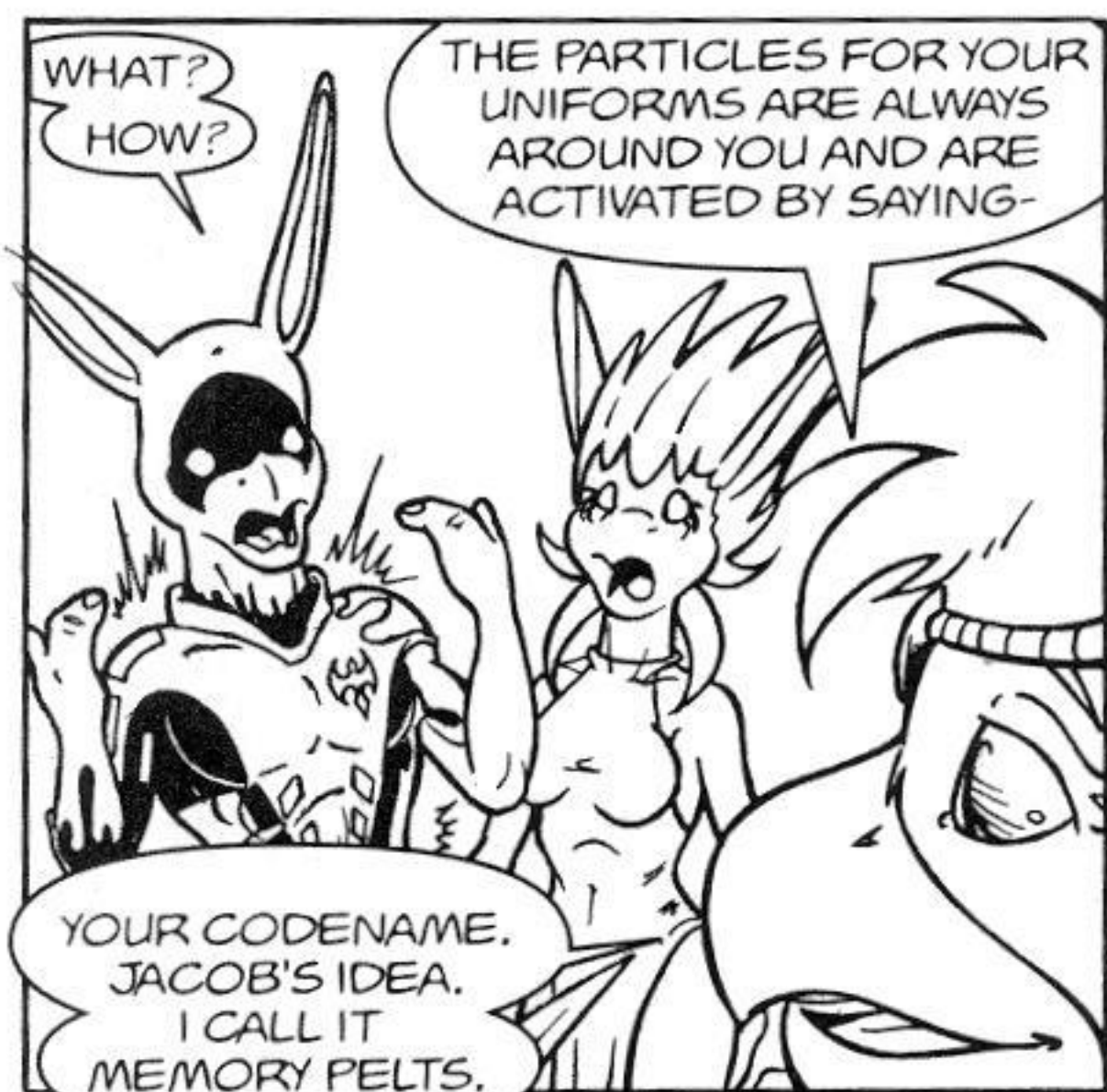
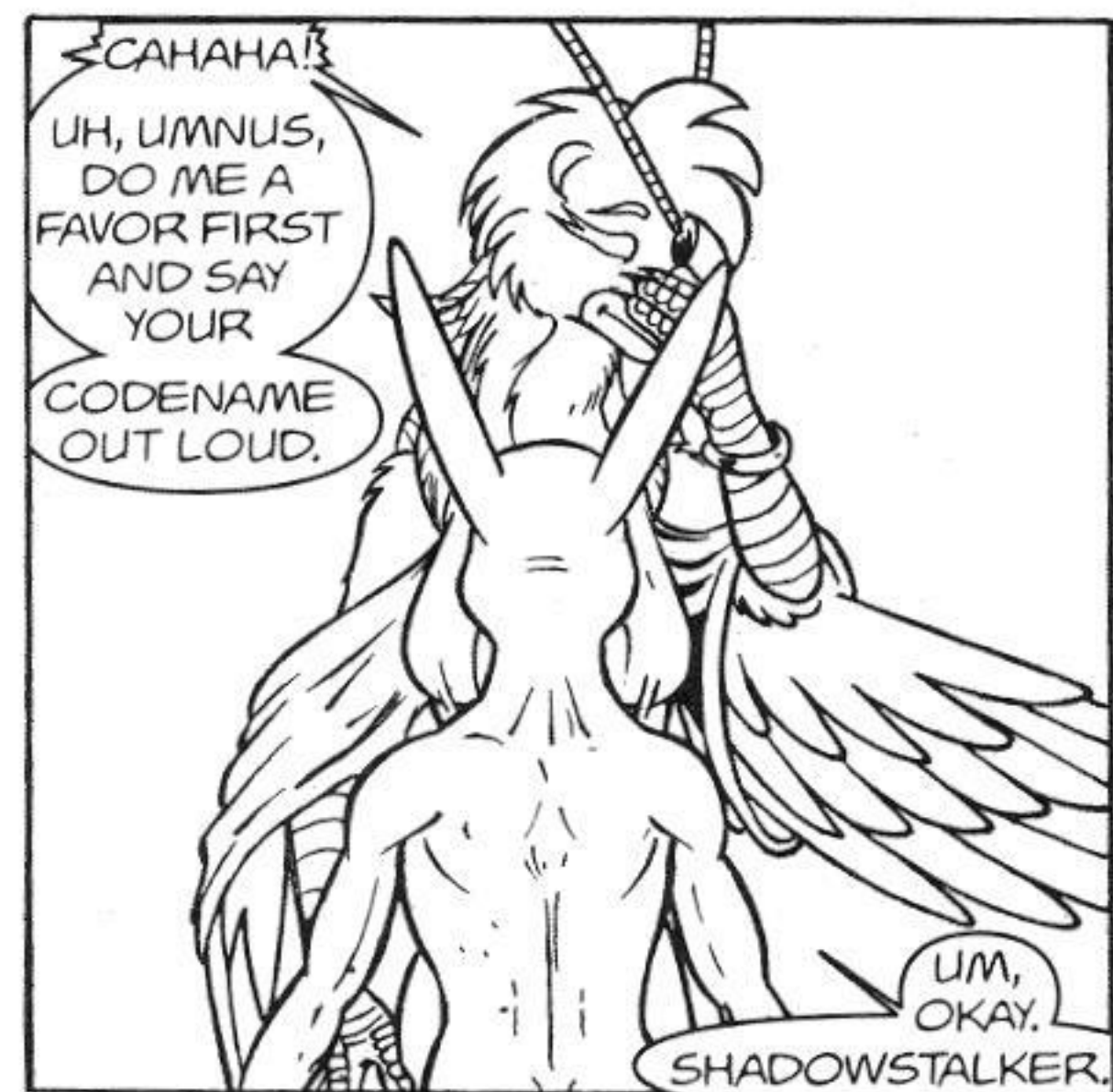
AND IS THE ONLY  
THING THAT CAN  
PERMANENTLY  
KILL A PHOENIX.

WE MUST FIND PHENIX  
AND WARN HER!



HISSSSS





PHENIX, THIS IS  
SERIOUS!  
XENIF'S GENERALS  
PLAN TO KILL YOU  
BOTH!

WE MUST  
ESCAPE!

NO, YOU MUST MEET YOUR  
FATE. MASTER MAELSTROM'S  
PLAN WILL BE SEEN THOUGH-

AND THE AVIANS  
WILL DIE!

WHO SAID  
THAT!

I, ONEX DID, AND WILL NOT  
LET ANY OF YOU RUIN  
MY CHANCE TO AVENGE

THE DEATH OF MY MATE!  
IT'S THE MALE AVIANS  
FAULT MY MATE IS GONE,  
DOOMED TO DIE IN SPACE!

I WILL HAVE MY  
REVENGE!

THE CHAOSBRINGER! WE THOUGH  
YOU HAD LEFT THIS PLACE  
HISSS!

WRONG,  
FIRESHIFTERS.  
I BIDED MY TIME.

I HELPED MASTER MAELSTROM  
FORM HIS PLAN. COME NOT A  
STEP CLOSER OR I WILL SLASH  
THE NIGHTCREEPER MALE'S  
THROAT!

HE IS THE KEY TO OUR SCHEME, AND DON'T  
TRY USING YOUR POWERS MALE. YOU KNOW THAT  
MINE IS THE POWER TO CANCEL OUT THE ABILITIES OF OTHERS.







SOLARFOX  
INTERROGATION  
ROOM 10:00 PM.

SIT DOWN...  
NOW!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS  
TO US, WE'RE SOLARFOX  
ACADAMY MEMBERS!

NOT ANYMORE YOU'RE NOT!  
YOU FAILED TO REPORT IN DURING  
AND AFTER THE HUMAN  
THREAT WAS DEALT  
WITH, SO AS FAR AS  
ANYONE KNOWS, YOU'RE  
ALL DEAD!

AND THERE'S THE LITTLE MATTER OF  
RESISTING ARREST, ASSAULTING A  
SENIOR OFFICER, DESTRUCTION OF  
SOLARFOX PROPERTY, EVADING CAPTURE.... YOU SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE  
IN THE "BOX" YOUNG GREYTAIL.

BUT THERE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS  
AN IMPORTANT JOB FOR YOU ALL.

SO IF YOU VALUE YOUR  
FREEDOM, YOU'LL TAKE IT OR YOU  
CAN FORGET EVER SEEING THE  
SUN AGAIN WHILE YOU ROT IN THE  
BRIG!

BUT I'LL LET HIM  
EXPLAIN IT TO YOU....



THE PRESIDENT!?

LISTEN UP,  
SOLARFOXES.

WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE HUMAN THREAT  
FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW, WE'VE KEPT  
TABS ON THEM AND SUCH BUT RECENTLY,  
WE'VE LOST ALL CONTACT. THEN THEY  
ATTACKED US AS YOU NO DOUBT HAVE  
EXPERIENCED....

BU-BUT ALL THOSE  
KIDNAPPINGS, THOSE  
DEATHS... WHY DIDN'T YOU  
WARN US?

THE  
REASON WE HUNTED  
YOU DOWN IS A MATTER  
OF PUBLIC, EVEN  
PLANETARY, SAFETY.







WAIT!  
WE'LL...

...WE'LL DO IT.



RED?

I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU ALL  
AS YOUR CAPTAIN. IF THIS ENSURES YOUR  
FREEDOM, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE  
BUT TO DO IT.

AND THAT'S  
AN ORDER!

BUT RED...



EXCELLENT!!  
CAPTAIN, RELEASE  
THEIR BONDS,

ESCORT THEM  
TO GET CLEANED  
UP AND THEN

BRING  
THEM TO THE WAR  
ROOM FOR ME TO  
BRIEF THEM.

YES SIR,  
MR. PRESIDENT!



SO WHAT'S  
THE PLAN,  
RED?

WE FOLLOW  
ORDERS FOR  
NOW, ARTICA.

NOT NOW  
ARTICA.

THAT'S  
IT?

I'M SORRY I  
GOT YOU INTO  
THIS, ERICA...

DON'T WORRY,  
HON

WE'LL GET  
OUT OF THIS...

LATER...

I HOPE YOU KIDS HAD FUN SHOWERING UNDER ARMED GUARD. WELCOME TO THE WAR ROOM, THE PRESIDENT IS WAITING FOR YOU.

STARE AT ME ALL YOU WANT, VIXEN. TRY ANYTHING FUNNY AND YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE DEADDER THEN YESTEDAYS NEWS.

GOT IT?

ONCE THESE RESTRAINING COLLARS COME OFF

C'MON ARTICA, NO POINT IN WASTING BREATH ON HIM, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

I'M COMING BACK TO TEACH HIM A LESSON OR TWO...

I MAY JOIN YOU...

HELLO AGAIN, YOUNG FOXES. I HOPE THE NEW SUITS ARE COMFORTABLE...

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, "SIR" ...

RIGHT, LET'S DROP THE PLEASANTRIES. SHALL WE, YOUNG FOX?

YES... LETS.

GOOD, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO...

...AND NOT A LOT OF TIME TO DO IT IN...

TO BE CONTINUED...